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1. During the winter of 1950 the most important machinery from the Liuchou arms repair shop, which is under the Supply and Service Command (SSC) of the Central and South China Military Area (CSCMA), was moved to Hengyang (112-35, 26-56). Only about 110 workers and a small number of machines remained in Liuchou, forming what is now known as the Armament Repair Plant.
2. In mid-May 1951 the SSC of the CSCMA invited a number of Soviet ordnance experts to go to Liuchou to inspect the plant and outline plans for its expansion.
3. On 25 May, 20 lathes and over 10 cases of electric drills and other small machines arrived in Liuchou from Canton. On 1 June over 50 skilled armament workers from Kueip'ing (110-05, 23-24) and Nanp'ing (109-55, 22-03) arrived in Liuchou and are now (7 June) working in this plant.

1. Comment: Formerly called the Chila (車庫) Arsenal.

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] during May, the Chile Arsenal hired 650 additional workers, bringing the total to 1,300. The account above would appear to be more reasonable.

2. Comment. The Nationalist Kwangsi Provincial Government maintained small arsenals in Kueip'ing and Nanp'ing. The 50 skilled workers are former employees in those arsenals, but are well trained only in the manufacture of rifles and pistols.

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